

# A wave of support for food drive

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A wide net of support from every corner of Cloverdale helped ensure an annual food drive that assists hundreds was a success, whether it was collecting donations – or sorting and assembling food hampers.

The massive volunteer effort meant the Cloverdale Christmas Hamper Program was once again able to take care of those in need, says Kevin Lunder, who is program lead along with his wife, Trish.

Pacific Community Church acts as the nerve centre each December, when an army of volunteers sorts and assembles hundreds of food hampers for the non-denominational, seasonal relief program.

“We were overwhelmed with the

amount of volunteer help that came through the warehouse this year,” Lunder said. “Hockey teams, soccer teams, Scouts, Girl Guides, church groups, families, local small businesses, [the] RCMP, Save on Foods, Kwantlen College, the rec center, Fraser Downs, Sources Employment Services Centre, the list goes on.”

The 2014 campaign assisted 348 adults and 279 children (including 78 teens), for a total of 627 Cloverdale residents.

The hampers contain grocery and personal care items. Recipients also receive gift and grocery cards valued at \$25 or \$75, depending on

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